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## Largest Army Brace Shop to Open Here

The largest orthopedic appliance shop in the army is now under construction behind the Red Cross auditorium.

To be manned by a crew of 40 technicians, the shop will turn out artificial arms and legs for veterans with amputations, and braces to aid in the recovery of wounded limbs. McGuire now has an allotment of 800 beds for amputees.

## 7th War Loan Target Set At \$110,000

McGuire embarks on the Seventh War Loan drive April 1, sporting a quota for cash purchases of \$110,000 to be completed by June 30, as well as a figure of \$40,000 to be accomplished in civilian Class A Pay Reservations.

Civilians, who are expected to carry the ball through the rougher portion of the field, have been earmarked for purchases of \$65,000 of the cash quota. Or, in terms of greenbacks, each civilian has an average quota of a \$100 bond, cost price \$75, during the three month drive.

McGuire's war bond committee, headed by Lt. Velma R. White, also revealed some stiff shelling out expected of military personnel and patients on the post. A total quota of \$45,000 for cash purchases by the military was determined on the basis of one \$50 bond and one \$25 bond—or \$56.25 in cash—for each officer, while enlisted personnel are counted on for \$26.25 in cash during the drive, which will buy one \$25 bond and one special GI bond with face value of \$10.

While cash sales of bonds will begin immediately, Lt. White announced, emphasis from the beginning of the drive until May 14, midway point, will be placed on obtaining a Class A Pay Reservation from every employee on the post equalling at least 12 per cent of his pay check, as well as a Class B Allotment from every McGuirite in (Continued on Page 3)

## New WAC Uniform Issue Announced

A new deal in WAC uniform issue has been announced by Lt. Dorothy C. O'Hare, commanding officer, WAC detachment, to take effect July 1.

Five pairs of rayon hose will be issued each three months. Worn out hose must be turned in as formerly, she reported. No exchange, however, will be made on turned in hose.

The new uniform issue will also include: three khaki tropical worsted garrison caps; four khaki tropical worsted skirts; five khaki cotton shirts.

Original issue of one tropical worsted blouse will continue to apply.

## Marine Hospitality

Word has passed around among patients of a good time available while on pass at the Marine Mothers' Club, 817 East Broad Street, one flight up. The club offers a large recreation room, juke box and soft drinks.

While the club is intended primarily for leathernecks, the welcome hand is out for veterans at McGuire.

## 'On the Job' Kain



JUST CHECKING UP—Chief Kain seen making his daily check on pressure pumps.

Fire Chief James A. Kain lost a day's work back in 1910. He wants that made clear when discussing his state of health and record of attendance at work, lest someone conclude that his record is extraordinary.

Chief Kain showed up for his first day's work at McGuire on January 18, 1944, and has never lost a day's work since that date. Until someone else stakes a claim, and it is expected that no one will, Kain's accomplishment stands as the model McGuire attendance record.

As though his year-plus—without even a ten-minute break—were not enough, Kain comes up with the news that in 17 years with Richmond's Fire Department he never lost a day either—except vacation, he hastens to add.

While there's never been a fire at McGuire, the chief explains, "one day, one is bound to get stirred up and some patient here is going to need a little help. I want to make sure I'm on the job that day."

"Firemen, like anyone else," he intimates, "often come on the job feeling out of sorts. But when that gong hits, it takes all that bad feeling out of a man."

This may or not be the reason why Kain is on the ball—but he doesn't own an ABC ration book.

## German PWs to Ease Personnel Shortage

McGuire's critical shortage of civilian personnel will be eased further by the arrival of 150 German prisoners of war to take over jobs for which no civilians are available.

A sizeable number of prisoners has begun work here in the past few days, and it is expected that the full complement will have been assigned by April 30.

Although the PWs will perform a wide variety of tasks, no civilian need fear for his job security. It was emphasized by Lt. Virginia G. Breed, personnel director. Most prisoners will perform work for which no civilians are available. Any civilian, she pointed out, whose duties are taken over by a prisoner will be placed in a position of equal

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## Elks Party Offers Cash For Big Fibs

Imaginations will run wild and eerie situations created galore when McGuire tall-talers vie for \$66 in cash offered by the Elks Club of Richmond in a whoppers contest and party next Thursday at the Red Cross.

Eight prizes, ranging from \$25 down to \$2, will wind up in the hands of patients who unravel the tallest of the tall. The whoppers portion of the program will be broadcast over WRNL. Entertainment and refreshments will be offered after the program.

Fanciful tales should be submitted immediately to Red Cross Gray Ladies or Red Cross Information Desk to insure inclusion in the program.

Other entertainment highlights of the week include a gala party to-night sponsored by the USO Wives' Club. Hostesses and refreshments will be abundant. A similar party is scheduled for Saturday night, conducted by Miller and Rhoads girls, whose recent party here is still evoking praise.

## Good Friday Musicale

Prominent Richmond vocalists will take part in a Good Friday musicale at the USO Club, 2nd and Grace Streets, Friday at 8:15 p.m. A special invitation has been extended to all service personnel and USO hostesses.

## Chaplain Cashman Ordered to Pacific

Major Neil S. Cashman, Catholic chaplain at McGuire since August 25, 1944, and a veteran of 25 months overseas service in the European Theater of Operations, has been ordered to report at Camp Beale, California, for assignment in the Pacific theater.

Father Cashman served in Africa with the 34th Infantry Division and was in Italy from October, 1943, to April, 1944, with three different battalions of American Rangers. Prior

## Couple Here Wed Under Bataan Shell Fire, Separated; Reunited in Jap Prison Camp

Japanese shell fire played a discordant wedding march when the dental corps officer and the nurse were married at the front lines on Bataan on Jan. 3, 1942.

Three months later, Lieutenant Colonel Garnet P. Francis and his wife, the former Lieutenant Earleen Allen, were separated—not to be reunited until Feb. 29, 1944, in the Santo Tomas prison camp of the Japanese in Manila.

Today Colonel Francis, a native of Alexandria, Va., and his wife, are at McGuire where the colonel is receiving treatment in Ward 8 for a blast injury with concussion of the brain which resulted in partial blindness—an injury he received four days after he and other prisoners were freed by American forces.

Both officers wear decorations signifying their many months overseas and each has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for carrying on their professional activities while in prison. Their campaign ribbons are well-studded with battle stars and each wears a Distinguished Unit Citation with two oak leaf clusters.



HONEYMOON AT HOME—Colonel and Lieutenant Francis have found at McGuire the first peace they have known since their marriage during the bombardment of Bataan.

Colonel Francis was stationed at Fort McKinley in the Philippines when war was declared on Dec. 8, 1941.

It was at Fort McKinley that he met the nurse who was to become his wife. When war came, Lieuten-

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## Parking Lot Plan Gets Nod from WD

A central McGuire parking lot with capacity of several hundred vehicles will appear shortly between Building 108 and West Avenue, according to plans already approved by the War Department.

The central area will be of gravel bed with concrete curbs. Entrance and exits of the parking field will all open on West Avenue.

Upon completion of the lot, parking will be limited to the new area, and to parking aprons about the post. Aprons are now located in front of the Administration Building, near the post theater, and the chapel. No parking will be permitted along the curbs on hospital thoroughfares.

## Twin Bill Includes Broadcast, Movie

McGuire's prize radio quiz show, "Monkeyshines at McGuire," forms a big half of a fun-doubleheader again this week when it goes on the air from the Red Cross auditorium Friday at 7:30 p.m. The WRNL show will have a pre-broadcast audience warm-up beginning at 7 p.m.

Second half of the double bill will be the hit movie, "Bring On the Girls," starring Veronica Lake and Sonny Tufts. The movie will get under way about 8:15. Special permission has been granted by Colonel Duggins allowing patients attending the Friday night show to remain out of the wards until completion of the entertainment.

It's April Fool from the BANNER.  
Joke's on you;  
But forgive us, dear reader, the  
To print in this awkward manner;  
A boner! A mess! What a thing to do

EXTRA!



# McGUIRE BANNER

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## Prisoners of War at McGuire

Arrival of 150 German prisoners of war at McGuire to take a little pressure off the already strained personnel situation here, requires that all of us pay close heed to Geneva Convention regulations regarding PW treatment.

There is one and only one slant towards use of PW labor here: McGuire is a vital part of a total war, and we cannot afford to be squeamish about who helps us fulfill our mission in that war, so long as it is fulfilled in the best manner possible.

Ever since the hospital's first call for employees, personnel needs have always remained a hefty step ahead of personnel availability. To allow that situation to continue would be to deny patients of needed care and services.

If and when more civilians in this area become available for employment, they will replace PWs working here, in accordance with well-established War Department policy. It is not the purpose of the War Department to set prisoners of war in competition with American labor.

On a national scale, use of prisoner of war labor within the occupational limits set by the Geneva Convention, already has well justified itself. PWs have earned over \$100,000,000 for the federal government in money paid to the government for their labor as well as government labor costs saved by their use in army posts.

Of more than 350,000 PWs in this country, selected groups have worked 19,569,719 days for the army and 10,181,273 days for private contractors. For the army, 3,500 PWs worked in laundries, 9,000 on clothing and equipment, 10,000 in warehouses and quartermaster shops, 14,000 in maintenance of buildings, utilities, grounds and roads, 7,000 in motor maintenance and repair and 12,000 in bakeries and messes.

That's a sizeable slice of labor—too sizeable to lend credence to the belief that PWs should be confined in cages.

Coupled with the right to use prisoner of war labor at McGuire to help ease our huge task, falls certain responsibilities on each individual among us. Let no one of us overlook any of them:

1. Don't talk to any prisoners or fraternize with them in any way. They are not interested in our views on the war or any other subject.

2. Don't unleash at PWs any cleverly conceived phrases of anti-Naziism or general disdain. They help no one. These fellows lost their war long ago. Those still fighting are getting theirs with stronger weapons than words.

3. Don't interfere in any way with PWs completing their work. It won't bother them in the long run as much as it will bother us.

4. To the few who may wish to extend some sympathy to PWs—don't! They don't expect it, and probably won't appreciate it.

Jobs assigned to PWs here are of vital importance, and which have heretofore suffered because of the manpower shortage. The fact that PWs have been assigned to fill them is of incidental importance.

## The Wolf

by Sansone

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"Unless the rules have changed, he plays a pretty rough game of checkers!"

## McGuire Scroll of HONOR

The following McGuire civilian employees this week completed one year of consecutive service:

Millard H. Cosby and Robert A. McDowell of Post Engineers; Mrs. Stella Seay and Elbert A. Wilkerson of mess hall; Miss Mamie C. Bolton and Mrs. Bernice M. Bryant of Telephone Office; Mrs. Alma C. Ingram, secretary to chief of Medical Service; Mrs. Adice R. Murphy of Civilian Personnel; Mrs. Grace Williams, charwoman; and James M. Sievert, laundry superintendent.

## Bars and Stripes

To Captain

1st Lt. John F. Pyfer  
1st Lt. James H. Semans  
1st Lt. Morris J. Wolf

To First Lieutenant

2d Lt. Evelyn O. Eidet  
Patients  
2d Lt. Norman L. Harrow  
2d Lt. Samuel J. Scheinman

To Staff Sergeant

Sgt. Phyllis P. Willow.

## Chapel Schedule

PROTESTANT

Sunday Service.....9:30 a.m.  
Lenten Service.....Wed., 6:30 p.m.

CATHOLIC

Sunday Mass.....8:30, 10:30 a.m.

JEWISH

Friday Services.....6:45 p.m.

## Prisoners of War

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wood ASF depot and guarded by special MP troops. It is expected that 2,900 PWs will be located in the Bellwood camp when it reaches maximum strength.

Hospital personnel received a strong reminder from Lt. Breed that no fraternization of any type with prisoners will be permitted.

Personnel were especially warned never to pass in between prisoners and their guard.

Prisoners will be paid for their work in post exchange tickets at the rate of 80 cents per day. In accordance with Geneva convention regulations, work done by PWs will not have direct bearing on the war effort.

## Library Notes

(Reader turns reviewer again this week, as Library Notes welcomes its second guest columnist, Pfc. William Thompson, patient in Ward 40. Pfc. Thompson, in reviewing a book just published and on order for McGuire Library, is ahead of the rest of us in his reading.)

MASQUE OF REASON, Robert Frost

This is the story of a great American poet, considered by many to be the foremost living poet. This book, in my estimation, is quite intelligently written. The tart quality of his work seems more personal and intellectual than poetical.

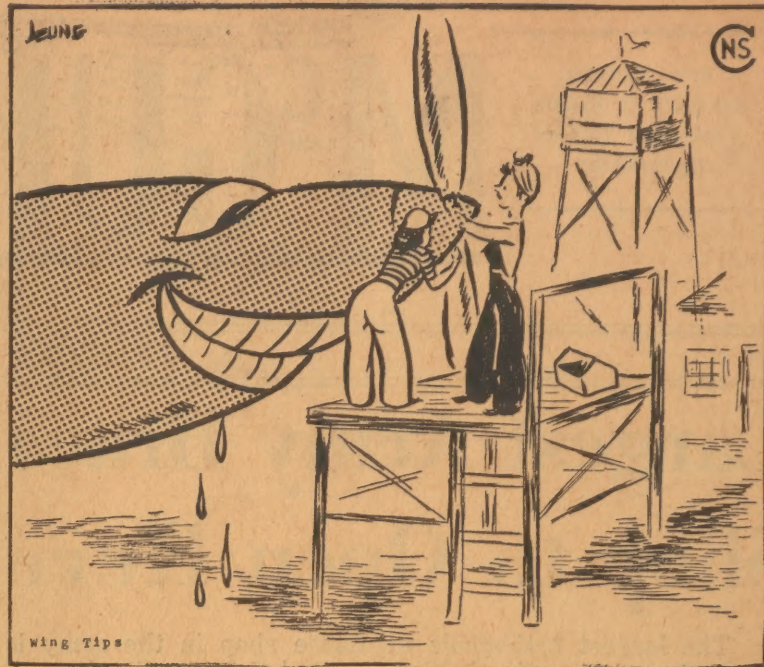
Such capers may, perhaps, find added ground for the reservation in "Masque of Reason". Mr. Frost offers his public ironic dialogue upon the ancient paradox of good and evil, the evil that rages at noon-day in a world supposedly under the jurisdiction of a just God. Prophets, philosophers, and poets have never found very convincing explanations for such an unreasonable state of affairs. Mr. Frost says that they never will.

The true essence of the problem is that the world is completely unreasonable, always has been and always will be . . . to express this hardly novel, satirical comment brought out in the book. He has written a dialogue in which a man, a woman, and God takes part. To quote and unquote one of his verses as an afterthought in closing this article:

"There is no connection man can reason out  
Between his just deserts and what he gets!"

And:

"T'was a great demonstration we put on.  
The discipline man needs most is to learn his admission to unreason."



## Couple Here Wed Under Bataan Fire

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ant Allen was sent to an army general hospital in Bataan and the colonel moved up to the front lines with infantry troops, serving as regimental surgeon because of the shortage of regular medical officers.

"We were married on Jan. 3, 1942, on the Abucay front there in Bataan," the colonel said. "At the time Abucay was the main line of resistance. Japanese and American artillery fire played the wedding march and Jap fire broke up our wedding party very abruptly."

Lieutenant Francis was evacuated to Corregidor on April 8, 1942, and three weeks later, while being flown with other nurses away from "the rock" her plane was wrecked in Mindanao and she was captured.

Colonel Francis was captured by the Japs after his wife left Bataan and spent time in the Bilbid and Cabanatuan prisons before being sent to Santo Tomas.

"From the first day of our surrender, the treatment was pretty rough, especially the food and medical aid," he recalled. "While I was at Cabanatuan I was used for professional work and was provost marshal of the prisoners. I lost about 65 pounds. The food was not, to put it mildly, good."

"On Feb. 29, 1944. I was transferred from Cabanatuan to Santo Tomas with two other medical officers. There was a shortage of medical men, as always."

"Nearly a year later, on last February 3, we were released. Four days

later the Japs began shelling the camp, where we had remained to care for the sick and wounded. There were a number of casualties and I was in there helping to take care of them.

"Suddenly a shell burst right in the ward where I was working. My patient, on the operating table, was killed instantly and several others in the room were killed or wounded seriously. Something hit me in the back of the head and was unconscious for about 10 hours."

Physicians here said the colonel lost his sight as the result of the blast when the shell exploded in the room. Almost totally blind following the injury, he now is recovering his sight.

"I can see 100 per cent better today than I could two weeks ago," the colonel declared. All he needs, both he and his wife agree, is a little time and a lot of wholesome American food. Both former prisoners have gained back much of the weight lost since they were captured.

While Colonel Francis is undergoing treatment at McGuire, his wife is remaining at the hospital to assist in caring for him.

"We've been together since I was transferred from Cabanatuan prison camp to Santo Tomas on Feb. 29, 1944, and we're going to keep right on being together," the 34-year-old colonel declared today. "We were prisoners too long ever to be separated again."

And to that his wife nodded smiling assent.



G.I. SHAVINGS

BY

Pvt. Joe Q. McGuire

ROMANCE—We might be wrong but our informants tell us that romance is on the wing again at the WAC Detachment. According to them, March 17th was the happy day Pvt. Gladys Konkel became the bride of a McGuire patient. Next to walk the middle aisle will be Pvt. Effie Halsenbeck and her hero will be an ex-patient now connected with the train unit. Spring is here!

Athletic minded / 11-B hereby challenges the Wacs, Nurses and Cadet Nurses, or any combination of them to a soft-ball game. The gals can name the date and site but the boys insist on one important thing and that is the girls must bat left handed! Seriously tho 11-B's bowling team will take on all comers. Any offers?

SMALL TALK—The outfit that moved into 10-B is a Butchers' Platoon, composed entirely of butchers. They were recruited from army units throughout the country to serve the critical shortage of meat cutters in this section and we got them when a housing shortage at the Howitzer Armory forced them

out. All day long they hack at meats for the Army and Navy, reaching upwards of 30,000 pounds per day. What's the motto boys, "Blood and Guts!"?

Who was the unfortunate victim getting his hair cut the night "Papa" Delvecchio's kitty had the little ones? He just kept clipping and shouting, "Call the Serglickle O.D."

Just where did Sgt. Ray Treon learn to say, "march"? Not selling insurance, or did he?

You know, of course, that Harold Hildebrand is working in the Post Office handling hundreds of letters each day. But did you know that he carried his own letters around in his pocket and forgot to mail them last week?

How the war changes things! Picture Paul Bachman doing KP on the trains. He is.

Did you know that S/Sgt. Robert Cherry is a registered pharmacist and a graduate of the Medical College of Virginia?



# New Shrubs To Brighten Post Areas

Coupled with the approach of the warmer months comes the announcement from the Post Engineer's office that McGuirites can anticipate the spectacle of assorted varieties of shrubbery springing up around hospital areas in days soon to come.

While shrubs may not fully blossom this year it can be expected that foliage will be abundant enough shortly to cause a marked change in appearance of the grounds.

Mr. William E. Merrill, Jr., of the post engineer's office, in cooperation with Captain Wilson of Langley Field, has designed the shrubbery pattern in such manner as to give each hospital thoroughfare an individual appearance, and by grouping of plants which bloom at different times, it is planned that each area will display some bloom throughout the spring and summer months.

Holly shrubs will decorate the exteriors of the gym, the theater and post chapel, while dogwood has been chosen to flank the administration building. A wide variety of shrubs have been selected for other points on the post.

# Vets Rate Spot On Service Flag

Provision for recognition of the honorably discharged veteran on the service flag displayed by his immediate family and affiliated organization is announced by the War Department. The design of the lapel button for honorable service worn by the discharged soldier will be used as the symbol.

For each individual who has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces, the design will be placed on the flag in lieu of the blue star. When two or more individuals are represented, the design of the discharged veteran will replace the star or stars nearest the fly end of the flag. Organizations may use one symbol and the number of members below it in Arabic numerals, as with the blue or gold stars.

It's much safer to say it with flowers than in ink.

# Bond Target Set at \$110,000



**DRIVE LAUNCHED**—McGuire's part in the Seventh War Loan gets under way at a meeting of the Savings Promotion Council in the office of Colonel Duggins, commanding officer. Seated, left to right, are Lts. Howard B. Leeds, David Tieszen, Virginia G. Breed, Captain Parker W. Ingalls, Lt. Velma R. White, war bond officer, and Colonel Duggins.

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uniform.

Quotas are subject to minor changes as the drive progresses, the WAC officer explained, since military quotas have been based on strength anticipated for March 31, while civilian figures will be determined after each month based on that month's payroll.

A complete list of committee members to conduct the campaign among soldiers and civilians in hospital key points will be announced



**BRACES CUSTOM MADE**—Tec 4 LeRoy Powell, in charge of the Orthopedic Brace Shop, measures exact circumference of various points on a patient's leg, guaranteeing a secure, comfortable fit when the patient receives his brace.

# Bouquet for Band

McGuire's lively and jively band this week received commendation from Brig. Gen. Don E. Scott, Commanding General, Virginia District, for their performance during the banquet for participants in last weeks' post commanders conference.

Also commended were personnel responsible for the tour of 16 general officers and other dignitaries through McGuire's facilities on Thursday morning.

# Shoulder Patches

Wearing patches, on the right shoulder or sleeve, of organizations with which soldiers served overseas, or to which they were formerly assigned, was prohibited this week in a memorandum from Third Service Command.

The shoulder patch of the organization to which a soldier is currently assigned, according to the memorandum, is the only one authorized for wear.

# Orthopedic Braces No More Alike Than Their Owners

Making orthopedic braces is a science. One visit to McGuire's orthopedic brace shop will convince any skeptic of that.

For orthopedic braces are not walking canes or crutches or ordinary splints. In the words of Tec 4 Robert L. Powell, in charge of the shop, "An orthopedic brace is an appliance designed for one man and one man only. It is as individual as the limb it supports, and no two men's legs are shaped the same."

The seven brace men employed in the shop are fully aware of how patients and surgeons depend on the quality of their work, as is evident in the care and precision which go into the constant flow of leg, arm, neck and back braces they turn out.

First step in fitting a patient is a series of measurements around points of his arm or leg at close interval. From these measurements a drawing is made representing the exact surface to be covered by the support. Leather is cut to precise measurement for a snug fit. Steel is then forged to perfectly conform with the limb's "profile."

# ALL AROUND MAN

A good brace man, as described by Powell, is a short stone's throw from also being a blacksmith, forgerman, welder, machinist, leather worker, nickel plater, metal polisher, painter and orthopedic shoe mechanic.

Which is why, he explains, ten years of brace making are generally required to produce an expert in all angles of the trade. His statement also explains why the army has exercised such care in selecting men for schools in the art of brace-making.

Army classes, according to Powell, are designed to fully acquaint a man with one complete operation in the brace-making process. Thus a group of graduates, working under the supervision of a man who knows all the finer touches will turn out braces and artificial limbs of as excellent workmanship as can be found anywhere.

With completion of McGuire's new appliance shop, to be the largest of its kind in the army, artificial limbs for amputees to receive care here will be added to the shop's production schedule.

Three McGuire detachment men now are attending school to learn the craft. Benefit of Powell's more than ten year's experience will be passed on to ten more men every three months in a new class he plans to set up here shortly.

Many a plea for furlough is sound —just sound.

# Amputation Cases Now Total 6,027

Amputation cases in the United States Army reached a total of 6,027 as of January, 1945, including one triplicate case, the first known in either this war or in the World War, according to a report by Brigadier General Fred W. Rankin, Chief Consultant in Surgery, Office of The Surgeon General.

There are no "basket" cases, the term used to denote loss of all four limbs. General Rankin emphasized. Nor were any reported during the entire course of the World War.

Corporal Ralph A. Brown, 28, of Youngstown, Ohio, is the one triplicate case and is now undergoing treatment at Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington, D. C. His legs have been amputated at mid-thigh and his right arm, just above the wrist. Wounded in action, he also suffered compound fractures of the left arm.

"The fact that Brown is alive, and that the same is true of most of these amputees, is due largely to the whole blood given them and the expert surgery performed so promptly," General Rankin declared. "The use of penicillin and sulfa drugs, is, of course, an adjunct to expert surgery. Our efficient evacuation of the wounded is another factor in the saving of lives at the front."

In the World War, there was a total of 4,403 amputation cases. Of the 6,027 cases in this war, 331 represent double amputations, that is loss of two limbs. Loss of two arms, two legs, or one arm and one leg puts the casualty in the "double" class. The remainder, or 5,695, are soldiers with one arm or one leg lost.

Of the total number, approximately 2,000 cases have been treated at one of the six Army General Hospitals, specializing in amputation cases, and returned to civilian life. The hospitals include: Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C.; Lawson General, Atlanta, Georgia; Percy Jones General, Battle Creek, Michigan; England General, Atlantic City, New Jersey; McCloskey General, Temple, Texas, and Bushnell General, Brigham City, Utah.

# Aid Pledged to Plan For 60,000,000 Jobs

Washington (CNS)—Federal Loan Administrator Fred M. Vinson told a press conference recently that when peace comes he would exert every effort to the end that "the resources of our lending agencies are made available to assist American business in the task of providing full employment and attaining the President's goal of 60,000,000 jobs."

# BUY WAR BONDS & STAMPS

# A GI's Diary After 6 Months In China

Sgt. Typermass of Station Surgeon's Office submits the following lament of a buddy in China with a chronic case of rotation jitters:

Jap attack  
In December  
"Pearl Harbor"  
I remember  
Join Army  
In March  
Drill daily  
Forward "harch"  
Learn flying  
In June  
Fly by sun  
Fly by moon  
Me do  
All things  
Me get  
Silver wings  
Get plane  
Foreign duty  
On transport  
What a beauty  
Fly ocean  
To Asia  
Many lands  
Not Caucasia  
Come to India  
Bust crew  
Sent to China  
Put in office  
No more fly

Chained to desk  
Me oh my  
Work all day  
Sleep by night  
Me no play  
Me just write  
Eat all rice  
Drink no whiskey  
Jing Bow Juice  
Feel so frisky  
Go to sleep  
Dream of love  
Fly home  
Like a dove  
War over  
Leave China  
In States  
Nothing finer  
Ding how  
Far from China  
Wake up  
Sun beam  
Look around  
Only dream  
Boo how  
Leave the sack  
Go office  
Aching back.



# Call Out for 1945 Softball Candidates

The first call for candidates for the 1945 McGuire softball team was issued today by Lt. John J. Berman, special services officer.

This year's edition of the Generals will be made up of civilians, officers and enlisted men on the post, Lt. Berman said. All men interested in playing are invited to attend an organization session at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 4, at the gymnasium.

## Girls to Play, Too

McGuire will be represented in in Richmond city softball circles by a girls' team this year, according to announcement today by Lt. John J. Berman, Special Service Officer.

Plans for the team still are in the tentative stage, but Lt. Berman said an organization comparable to the McGuirettes in basketball definitely would be entered in a Richmond league. The team will be open to all feminine members of the post complement, including civilians, WACs, nurses and cadets.

Also planned is an intra-mural girls' league. Lt. Berman said it was expected teams representing various groups would be entered.

## 'Why We Fight' Movie Plays Here

The widely-acclaimed documentary film, "War Comes to America," last in the "Why We Fight" series will be shown to all military personnel in a group of orientation classes, scheduled as follows:

Enlisted Personnel—Wed., April 4, 8 a.m., 1 p.m.

Patients—Wed., April 4, 10 a.m.

Officers—Thurs. and Fri., April 5-6, 11 a.m.

All showings will take place in the Red Cross auditorium.



**BIG HUNK OF HULA**—Charming siren is Pfc. Ben "Red" Braselle, McGuire band member, who turned on the oomph during last Thursday's performance of "Hawaiian Hepeats." The variety show was a production of the newly-formed soldier talent workshop, under the supervision of Special Services.

The Generals again will play in a Richmond city league, with arrangements to be announced later. Last year's team finished in second place in the strong Municipal loop.

All positions are open on the squad this year, but holdovers from the 1944 team are numerous. The entire infield is intact, but gaps remain to be filled in the outfield. Needed also are pitchers to bolster Sgt. Johnny Amanchik, only regular hurler left.

### VETERAN INFIELD

The veteran infield still on hand includes Cpl. Bill Cheswick, rangy first baseman; Capt. Cy Miller, second baseman; WO Bob Conway, shortstop, and WO Walt Ancypowic, third baseman.

Two outfielders remain on the post—WO Larry Roffman, who held down the rightfield spot last year, and Cpl. Elmer Finkler, who played in center. Missing are WO Georgie Vaeth, a sparkling in short centerfield, and Sgt. Harold Peters, leftfielder.

Sgt. Bill Allison, veteran catcher, is the only man on hand from last year for chores behind the plate.

Pitchers who saw duty in 1944, when the Generals finished the year with a record of 22 wins against 12 defeats, are Atmanchik and Ancypowic. Several other pitchers are needed to fill out the hurling corps.

### BALSAMO OKAY

Slated for considerable duty in a utility spot this season is Liborio (Zoot Suit) Balsamo, who marked up two hits in five appearance at the plate last year. The "chunky Brooklynite" recently was placed on duty with the detachment and will be available for extended athletic activity.

Five of the six men from last year's Generals who hit over .300 are on hand again. Led by Atmanchik, who clouted .471, they are Conway, .379; Allison, .351; Finkler, .323, and Miller, .320.

Although not at present available for use, a softball diamond will be constructed on the post within a few weeks and home games will be played there this year, Lt. Berman said.

In addition to fielding a team representing the post in a Richmond city league, Lt. Berman said plans were being readied for an extensive intra-mural league. Teams representing various groups on the post will be invited to play, with complete arrangements to be announced shortly.

### FURLOUGH BILL OFFERED

Legislation providing a 30-day furlough for all enlisted men of the armed forces upon discharge after a year or more of active duty was introduced by Sen. Edwin Johnson (D., Colo.), an AP report said.



**AULD LANG SYNE**—Officially closing McGuire's basketball season, the Special Services Office threw a banquet for the Generals and McGuirettes Friday night at the John Marshall Hotel. Colonel Duggins and Lt. Col William H. L. Westbrook, Jr., executive officer, were among the guests of honor.

## Post Theater

Week of Thursday, March 29. Shows start at 6:15 and 8:15 p.m. Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. Patients not admitted to 8:15 show.

**THURSDAY**—"God Is My Co-Pilot," with Dennis Morgan, Raymond Massey and Dane Clark.

**SATURDAY**—"Delightfully Dangerous," with Jane Powell, Ralph Bellamy.

**SUNDAY**—"Sudan," with Maria Montez, Jon Hall.

**TUESDAY**—Double Feature. "House of Fear," with Basil Rathbone and "Rough, Tough and Ready," with Victor McLaglen and Chester Morris.

**WEDNESDAY**—No program scheduled.

## AAU Handball Championship Meet Open to McGuirites

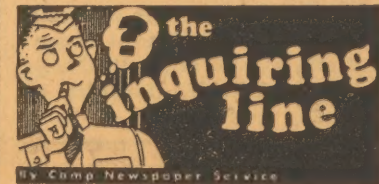
The Virginia Association of the Amateur Athletic Union will hold its 1945 handball championships next month in Richmond, and McGuire patients, enlisted personnel and officers are eligible to enter, it was announced today by Lt. John J. Berman, Special Services Officer.

Competition is scheduled in singles and doubles on single wall and four wall courts. The four-wall tournament will be held at the Central YMCA, Richmond, on April 21, and the single-wall tourney on April 28 at the Virginia Boat Club.

McGuire personnel interested in competing may turn in their names at the Special Services office at the front of the Administration Building. Entries close on Wednesday, April 18.

## Warrant Officers Snatch Lead in Volleyball Tourney

Springing to first place in McGuire's intra-post volleyball tournament, the WOWs defeated a formidable Military Personnel sextet by a score of 15-11 in both of two games Tuesday night in the gym. The Warrant Officers now display a record of two sets won against no losses in the race for an attractive trophy-type championship plaque.



**Q.** I am awaiting my discharge from the service. While in the Army, my commercial insurance was paid by the Veterans' Administration. How long do I have to pay back the premiums they covered for me?

**A.** You have 2 years from date of discharge in which to bring your payments up to date.

**Q.** Can a veteran get a government-guaranteed loan under the GI Bill of Rights to build a home, and after completion rent it out as an investment?

**A.** The provisions of the GI Bill require that the primary use of the building be the occupation of it by the veteran as his home. It may be built to accommodate up to 4 family units, but in order to obtain approval of his loan the veteran must declare it to be his intention to occupy one of the units.

## Primary Elections

Primary elections will be held in Pennsylvania and Illinois next June.

Military personnel from those states may obtain information on soldier voting qualifications, as well as war ballot forms, from Lt. Morrison, soldier voting office, extension 401. He is located in the A & D building.

Also remaining undefeated, with records of 1-0, after Tuesday night's play are Grogan's Soupbones and Eager Beavers, who will be pitted against each other next week.

The tournament will see no more of the Pro-Specs or Plaster Buckets, who bowed out of competition after

## Volleyball Flash

The Better Halves tied for the lead in the girls' volleyball tournament last night in the gym, nosing out the Pencil Pushers 16-14 in a deuce game, and 15-6.

McGuirettes were eliminated from competition sustaining their second loss at the hands of the Kingsters in two close contests, 11-15, 12-15.

Sharing the lead with the Better Halves are the Trojans, cadet nurse sextet, who trounced Mamie's Bar-Ettes 15-6, 15-5.

accepting their second defeats at the hands of Dark Horses and Klassy Kwintets, respectively. Dark Horses won their match handily, 15-8 and 15-4, while the Klassy Kwintet had little more difficulty kicking the Buckets, 15-5, 15-10.

Tournament standings:

	W.	L.
WOWs	2	0
Eager Beavers	2	0
Grogan's Soupbones	1	0
Military Personnel	1	1
Klassy Kwintet	1	1
Dark Horses	1	1

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## She Looks Different Without Bangs

